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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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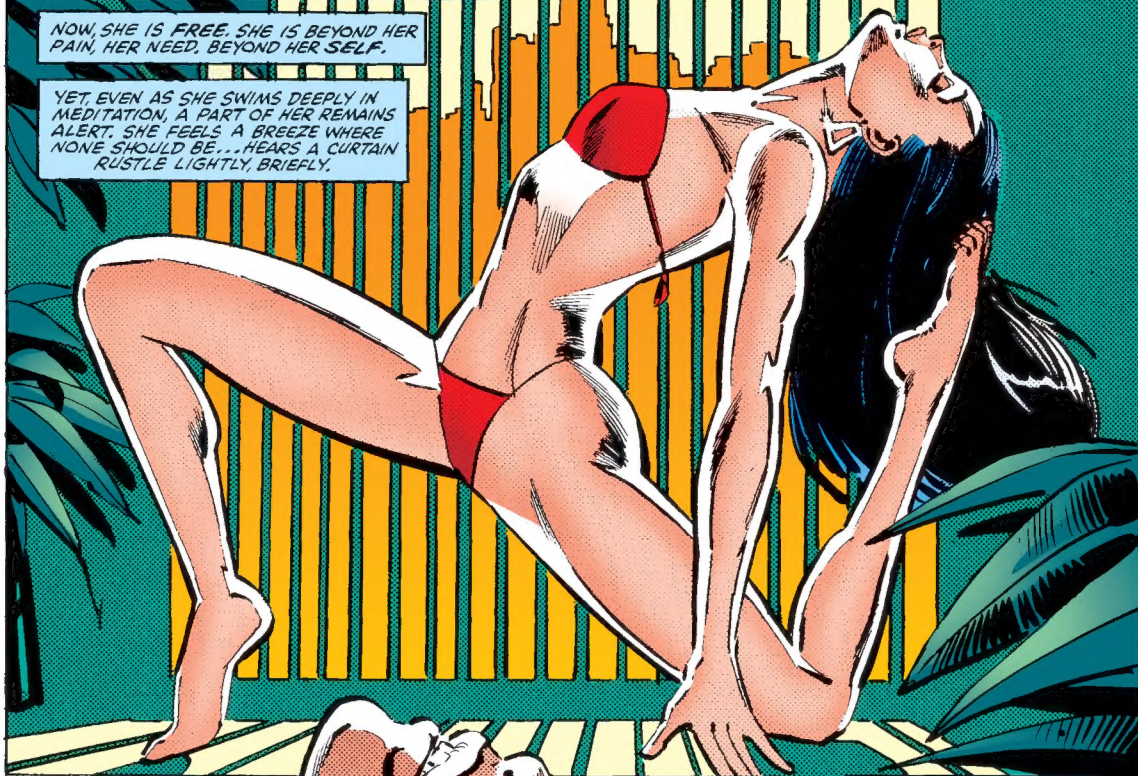
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GANTLET

AN HOUR AGO, SHE WAS A PRISONER, BOUND TO A MAN, TO HIS CITY, SHACKLED BY A LOVE SHE HAD TRIED TO KILL.

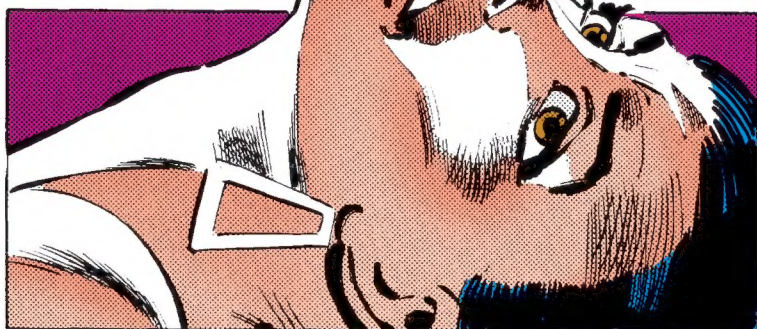
NOW, SHE IS FREE. SHE IS BEYOND HER PAIN, HER NEED, BEYOND HER SELF.

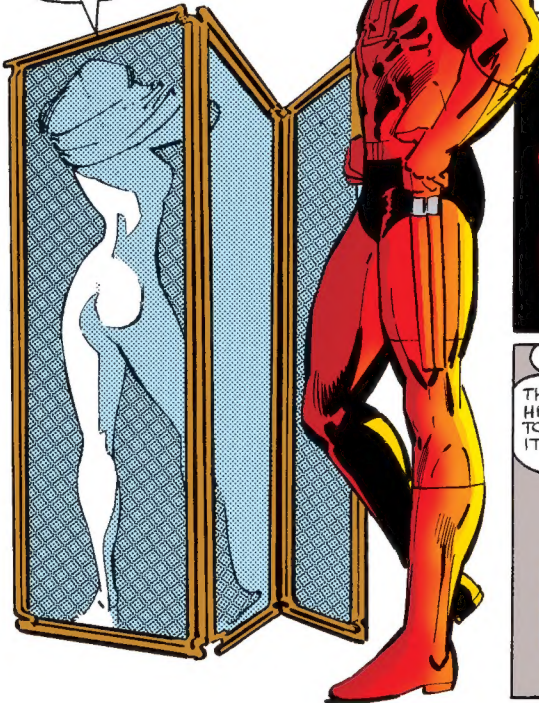
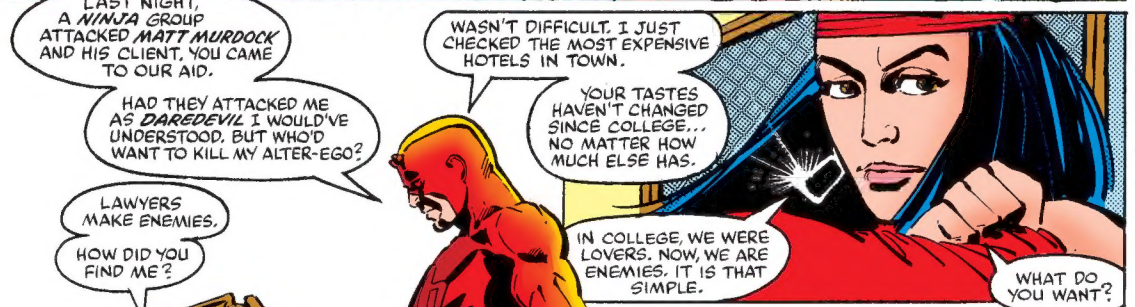
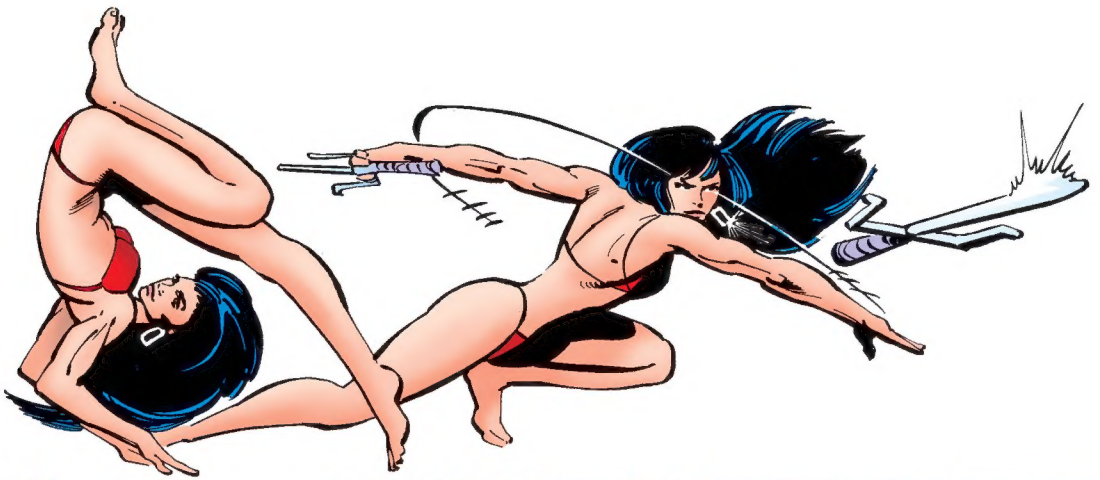
YET, EVEN AS SHE SWIMS DEEPLY IN MEDITATION, A PART OF HER REMAINS ALERT. SHE FEELS A BREEZE WHERE NONE SHOULD BE...HEARS A CURTAIN RUSTLE LIGHTLY, BRIEFLY.

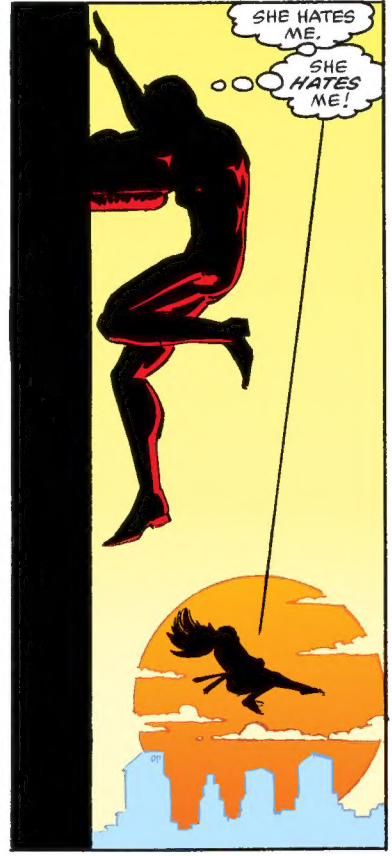
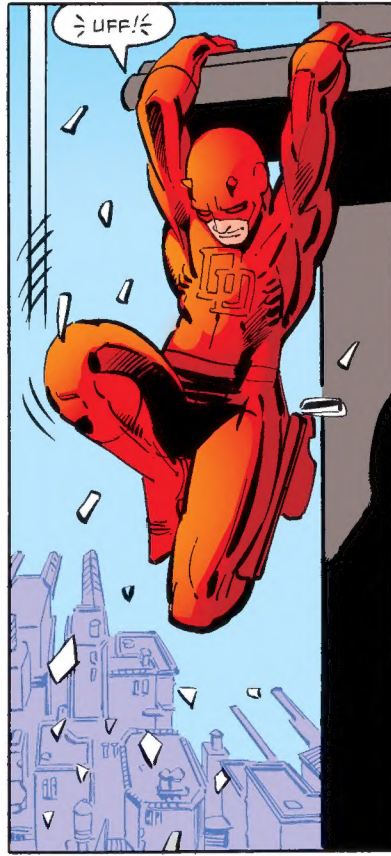
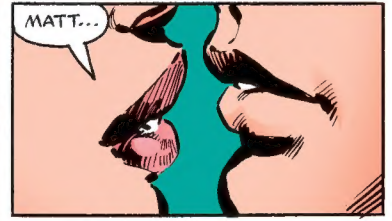
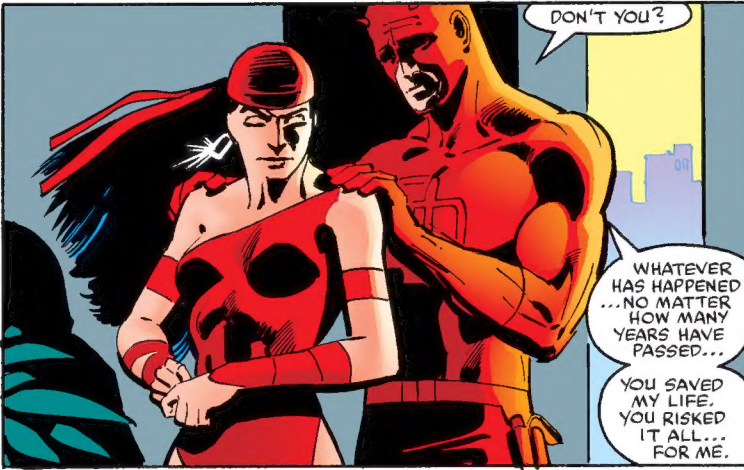


IN AN INSTANT, SHE IS READY. FOR SHE IS ELEKTRA-- MERCENARY, BOUNTY HUNTER, ASSASSIN, MISTRESS OF THE DEADLY ART OF NINJUTSU.

SHE IS ELEKTRA-- AND SHE IS NO MAN'S FOOL.

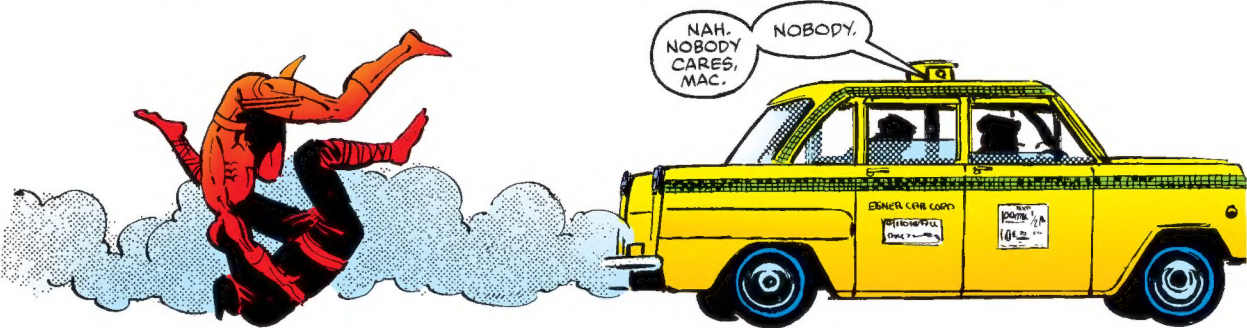
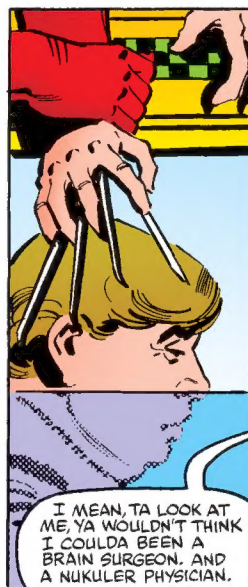
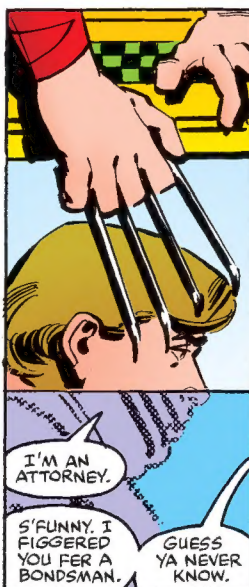
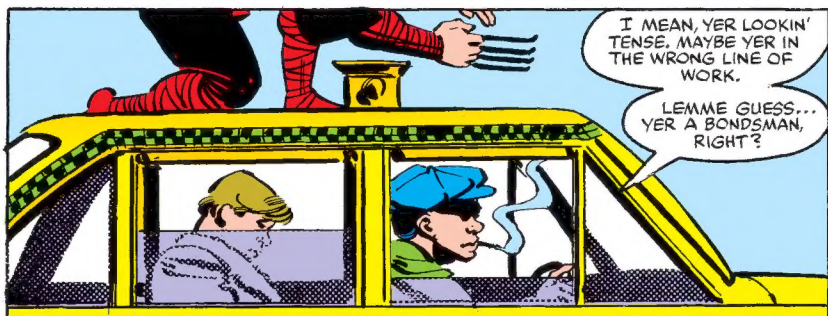
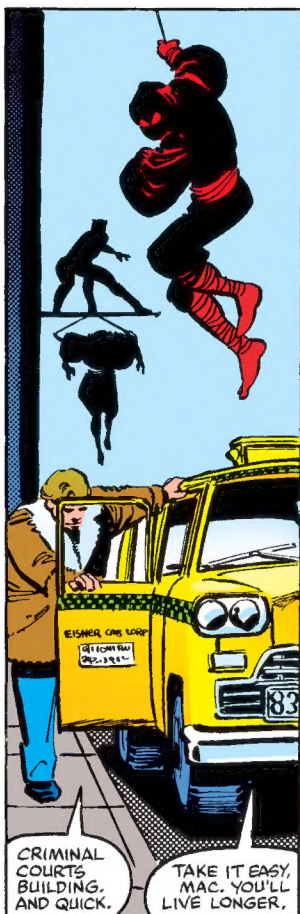
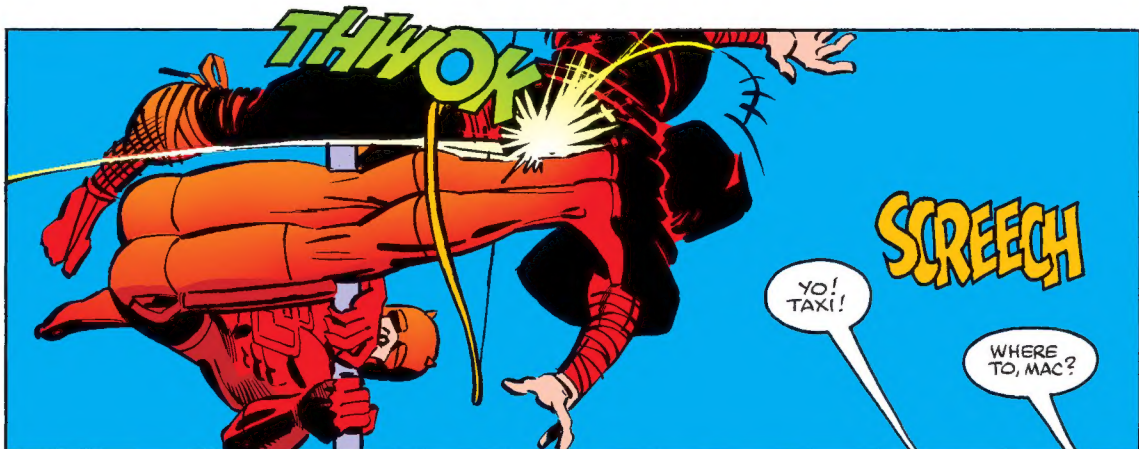


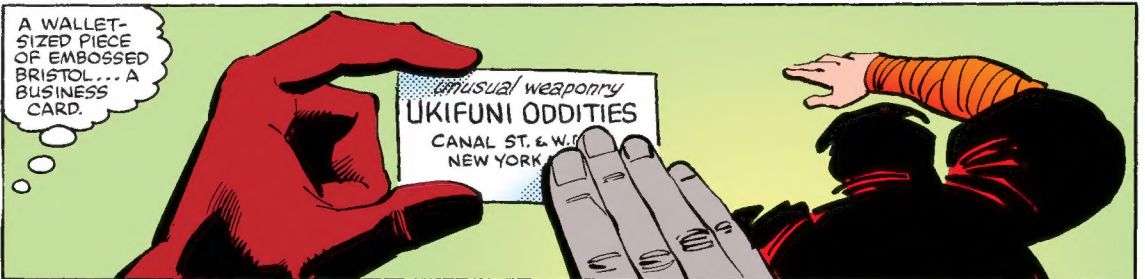
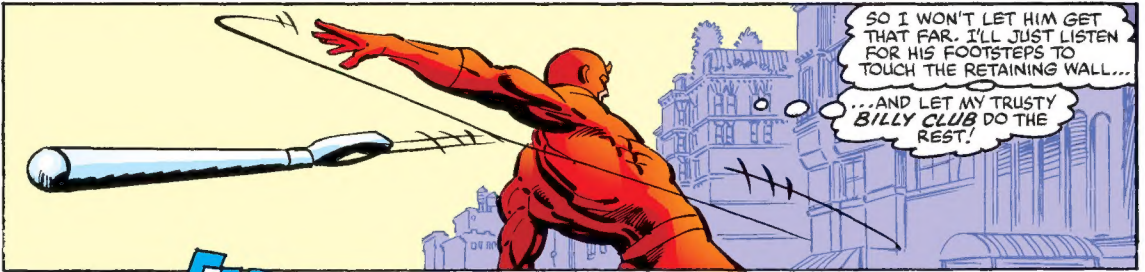
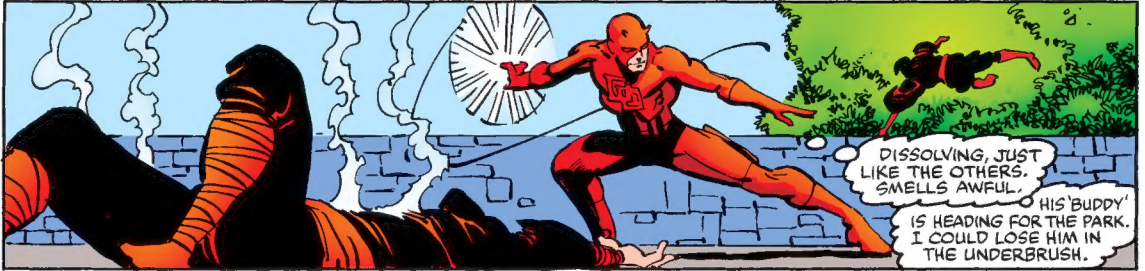
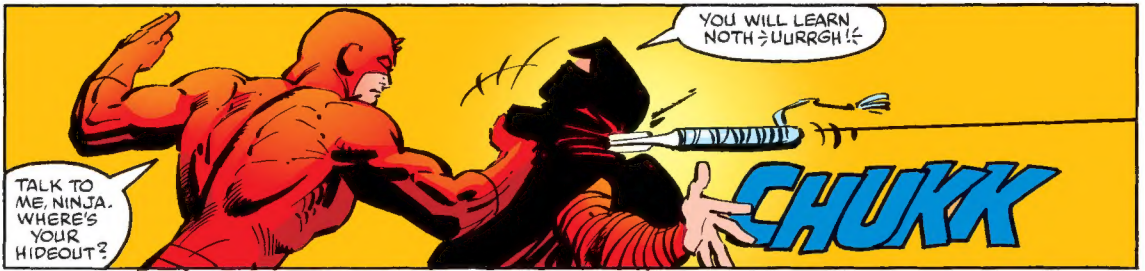


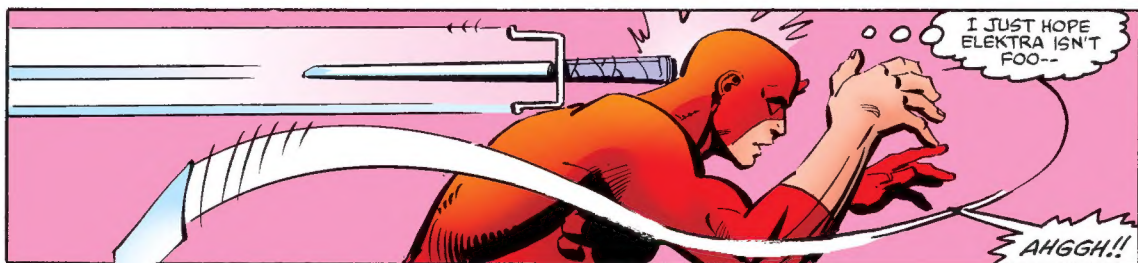
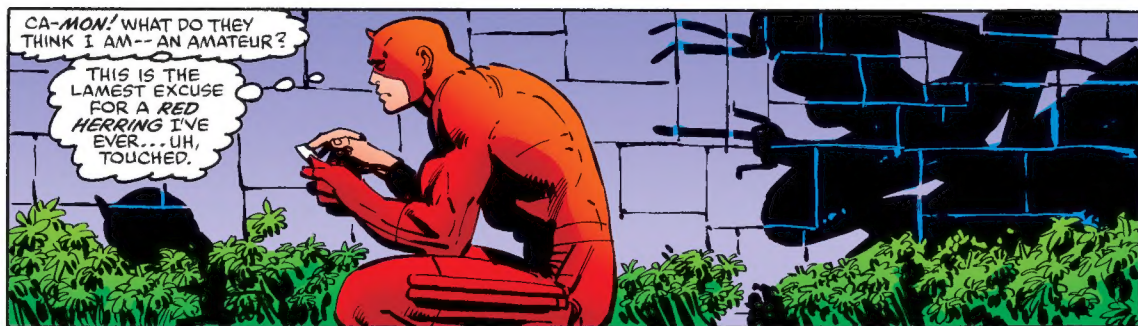


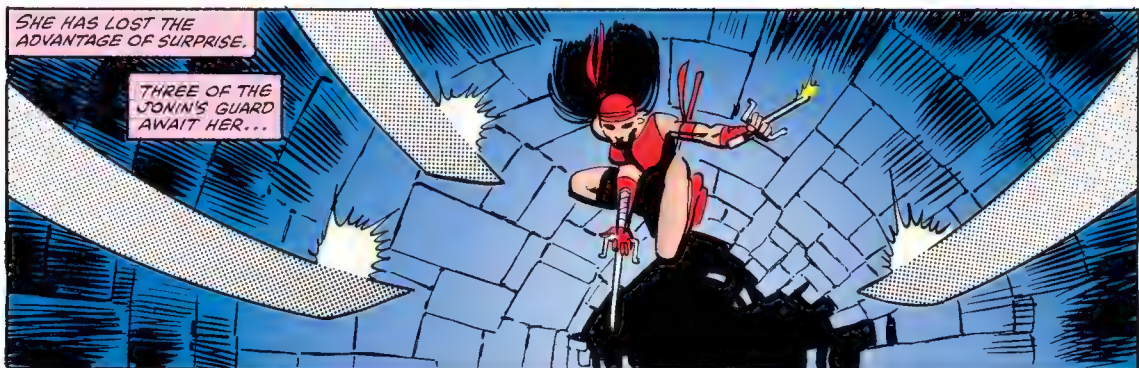
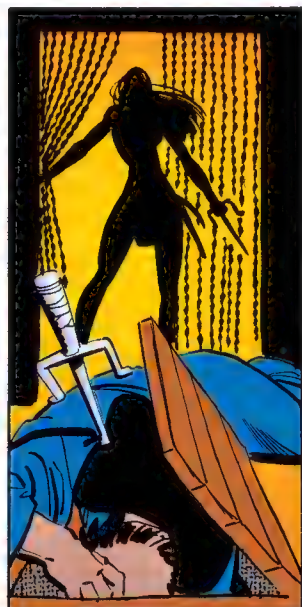
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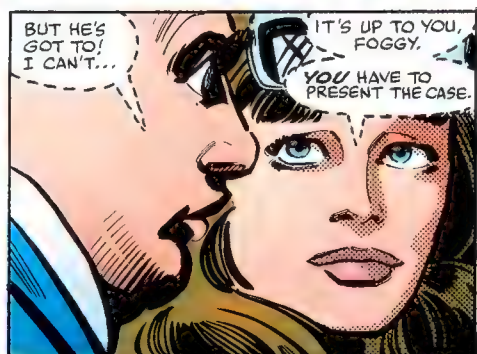
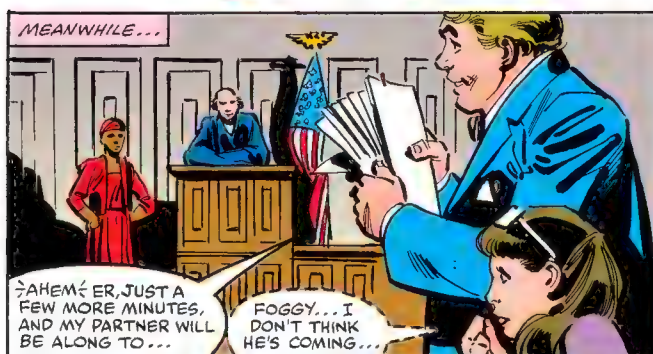
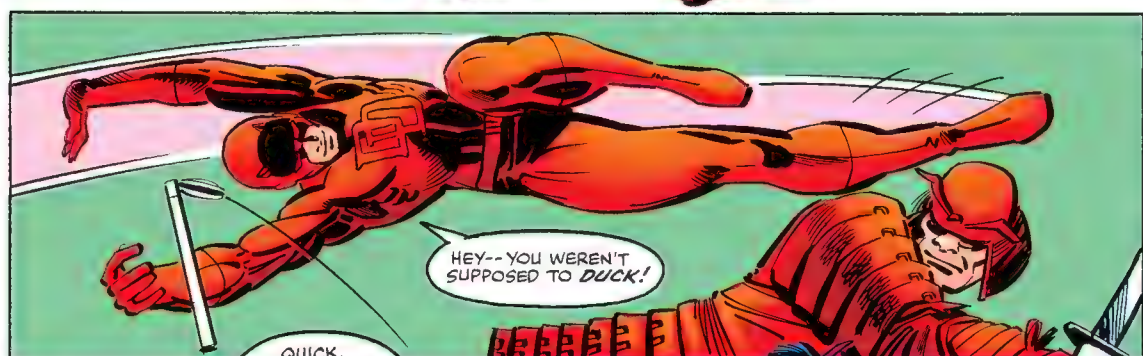






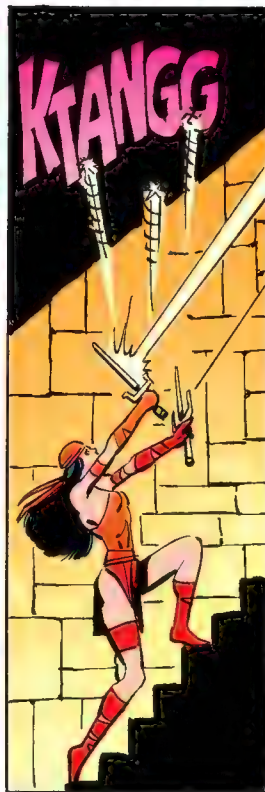
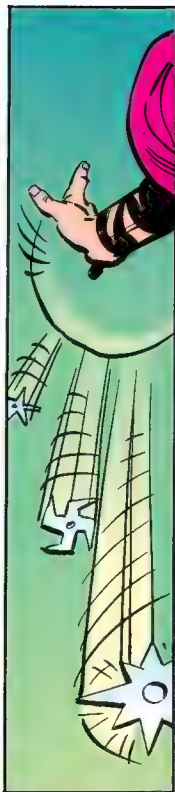
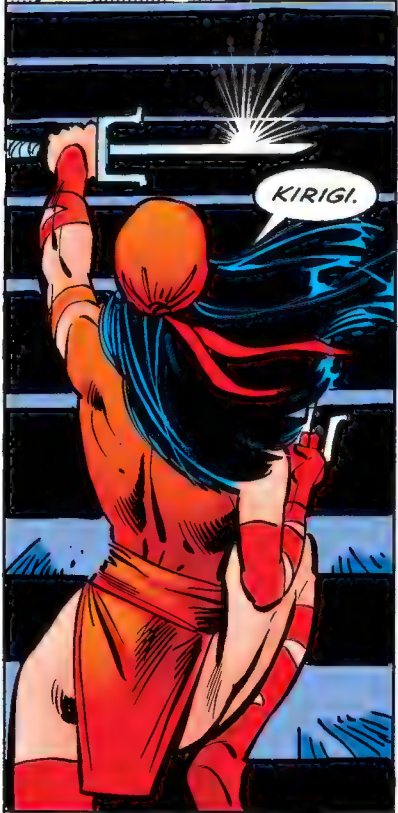






HUDDLED ABOUT THEIR CAMPFIRES, MASTER WARRIORS OF OLD JAPAN SPOKE FEARFULLY OF THE NINJA, WHO SEEMED POSSESSED WITH MYSTIC WAYS OF DEALING DEATH.

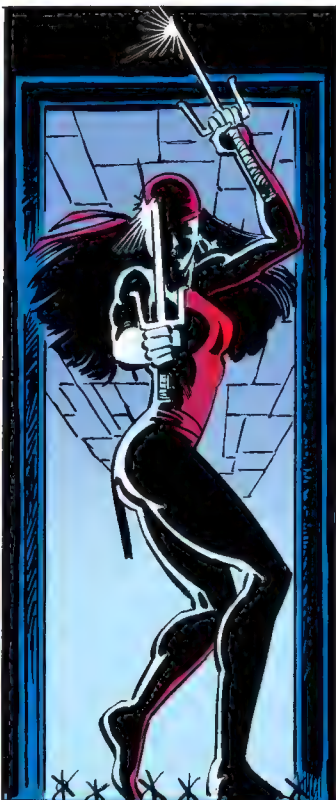
BUT THE NINJA KNEW A TERROR ALL THEIR OWN. THEY WOULD SHUDDER AND GRASP THEIR SWORDHILTS, AND THE LONG NIGHT WOULD PASS WITHOUT SLEEP--IF THEY HEARD A SINGLE NAME...



SHE DID NOT EXPECT SO OBVIOUS AN ASSAULT.

BUT, AS THE STAIRWELL IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS, SHE UNDERSTANDS.

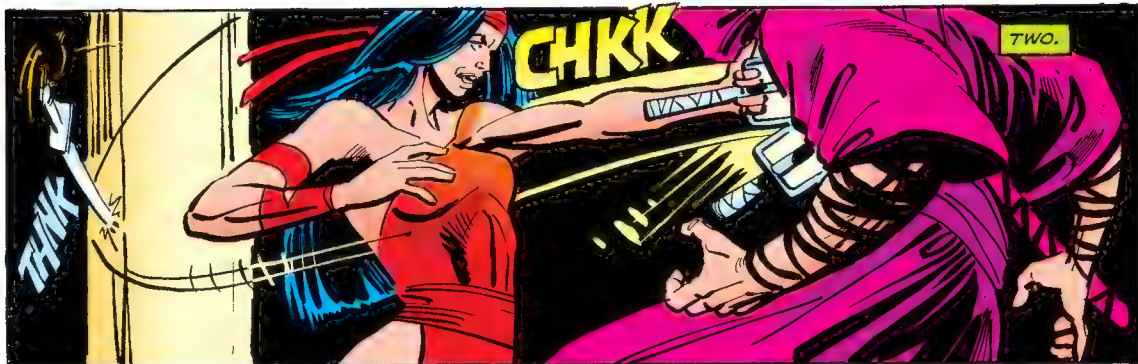
SHE MUST COME TO HIM.



AT HER FEET--TETSU-BISHI. THE LEGEND HAS MADE HIS FIRST MISTAKE.

THESE BLADED, POISONED CALTROPS PROTECT HER FRONT AND SIDE--

--LEAVING HIM ONLY ONE AVENUE OF ATTACK...

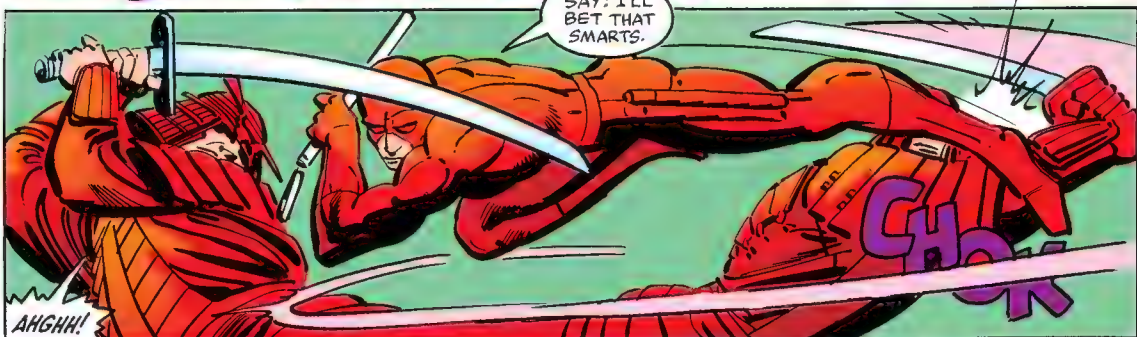


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WHUDD



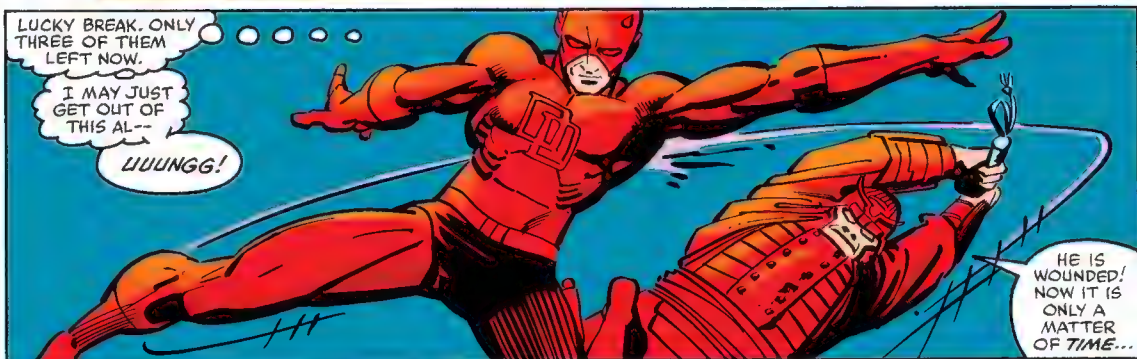
SAY! I'LL
BET THAT
SMARTS.



LUCKY BREAK. ONLY
THREE OF THEM
LEFT NOW.

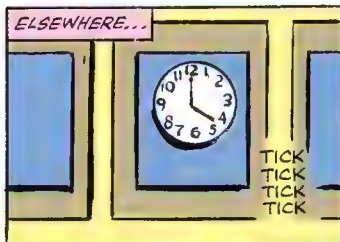
I MAY JUST
GET OUT OF
THIS AL--

LIUUNG!



HE IS
WOUNDED!
NOW IT IS
ONLY A
MATTER
OF TIME...

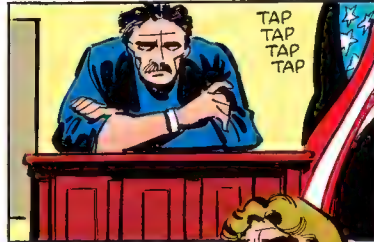
ELSEWHERE...



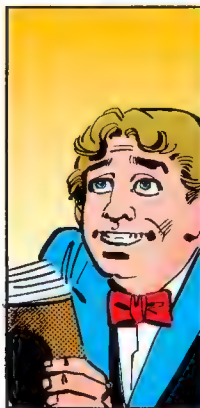
TICK
TICK
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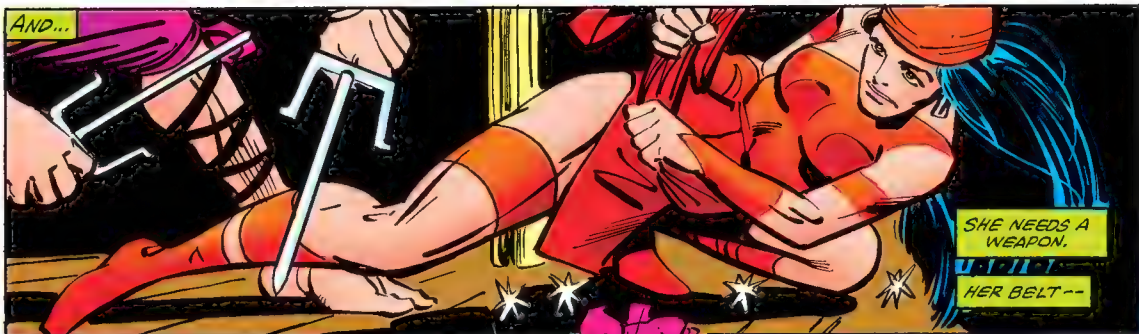


TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP



YOUR
HONOR...

...THE
DEFENSE
MOVES FOR
A MISTRIAL.



AND...

SHE NEEDS A
WEAPON.

HER BELT--



FAPP



IT WORKED!
HE IS DOWN--

-- AND HE HAS
DROPPED HER SAI.

BUT, EVEN AS SHE
LEAPS, SHE HEARS
HIM DRAW FORTH A
KYOKETSU-SHUGI--
A ROPE-KNIFE--

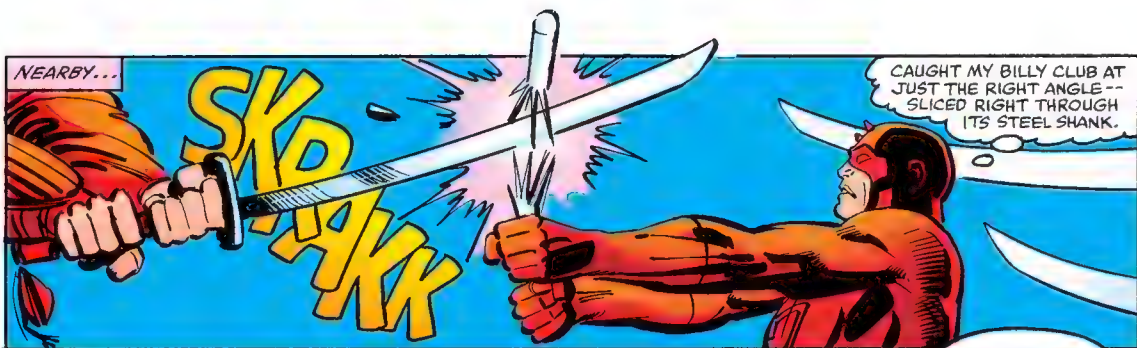
-- AND CURSES
HERSELF FOR
A FOOL.



HER WEAPONS WERE
ONLY BAIT.

AND NOW--
SHE IS HIS.

NEARBY...



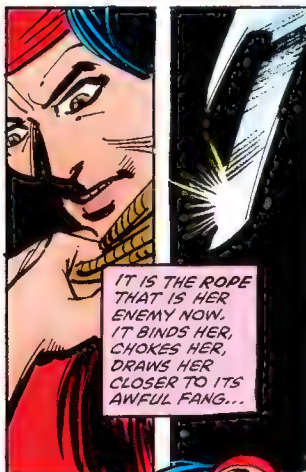
CAUGHT MY BILLY CLUB AT JUST THE RIGHT ANGLE-- SLICED RIGHT THROUGH ITS STEEL SHANK.



YAGGH!

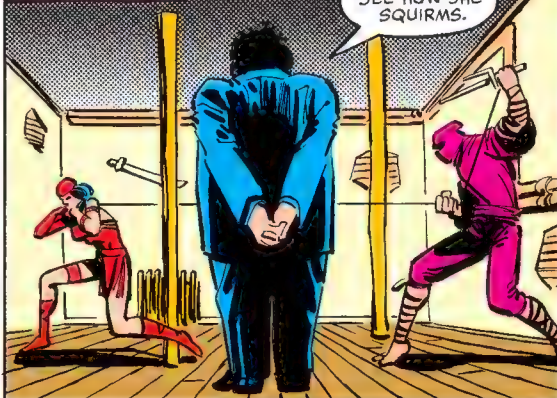
THONK

OKAY, GENTS. THE PARTY JUST GOT ROUGH!



IT IS THE ROPE THAT IS HER ENEMY NOW. IT BINDS HER, CHOKES HER, DRAWS HER CLOSER TO ITS AWFUL FANG...

...AS THROUGH A FOG, SHE HEARS A HATED VOICE...



KIRIGI, YOU NEVER FAIL TO DELIGHT.

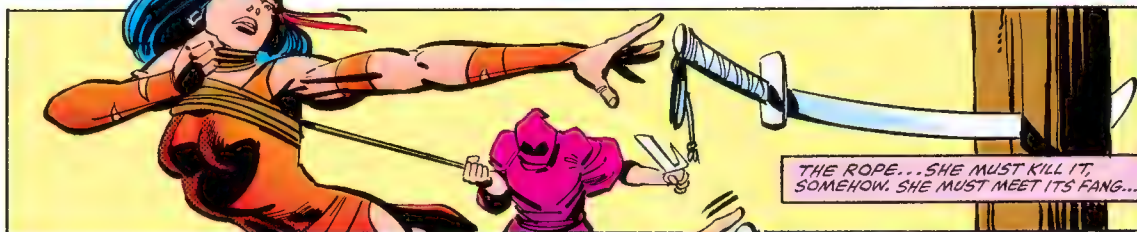
SEE HOW SHE SQUIRMS.

YOU COULD HAVE PLEASSED ME, ELEKTRA, IN A WAY MORE INTIMATE THAN THIS. I OFFERED YOU THE CHANCE, YEARS AGO.

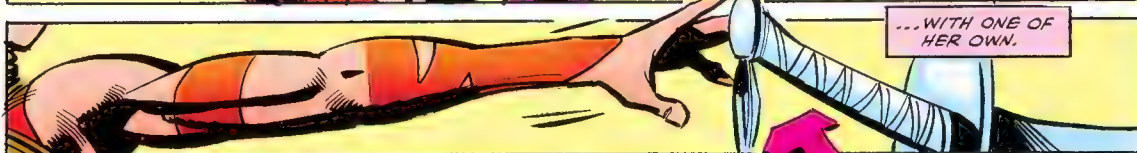
BUT YOU LAUGHED AT ME. YOU LAUGHED AT ME AND YOU WENT AWAY.



NOW IS MY TURN TO LAUGH, YES.



THE ROPE... SHE MUST KILL IT, SOMEHOW. SHE MUST MEET ITS FANG...



...WITH ONE OF HER OWN.





HE IS A LEGEND
AMONG ASSASSINS.

IT IS SAID THAT
HE CANNOT DIE.

BUT SURELY THIS...



MAN,
GOD, OR
DEMON--

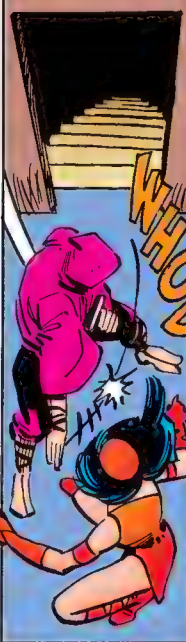
NO.

NO.

NO...

I WILL
SEND YOU
TO HELL--!

STILL, HE LIVES!
AND SOMEHOW, HE
BREAKS FREE.

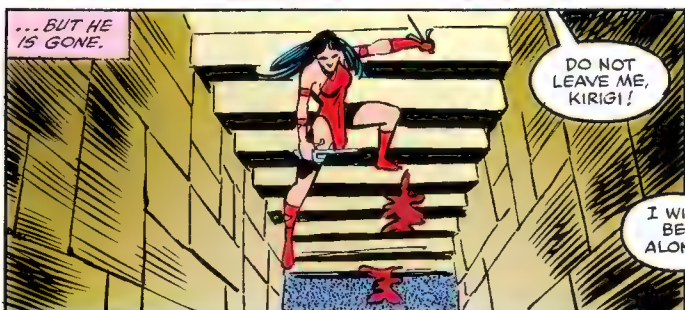


WHOOP

KIRIGI!

KIRIGI!

SHE
FOLLOWS...

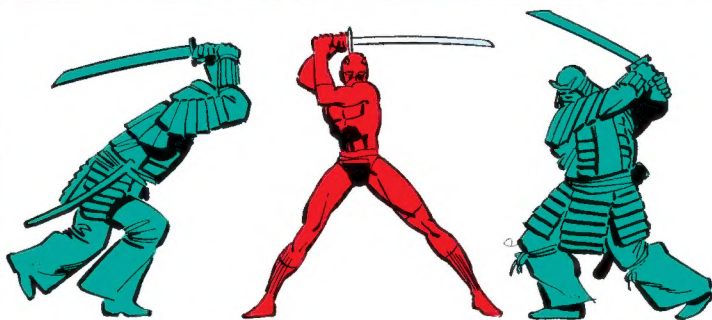


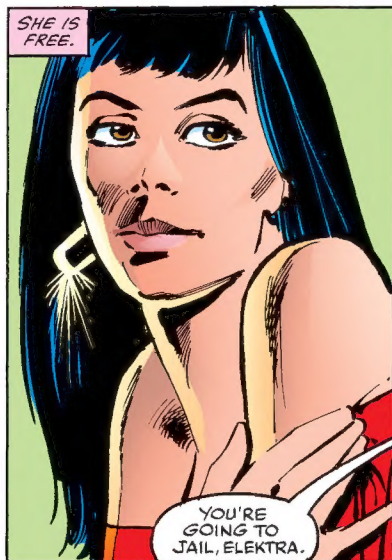
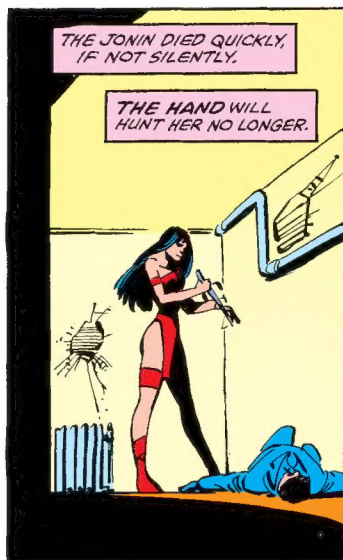
...BUT HE
IS GONE.

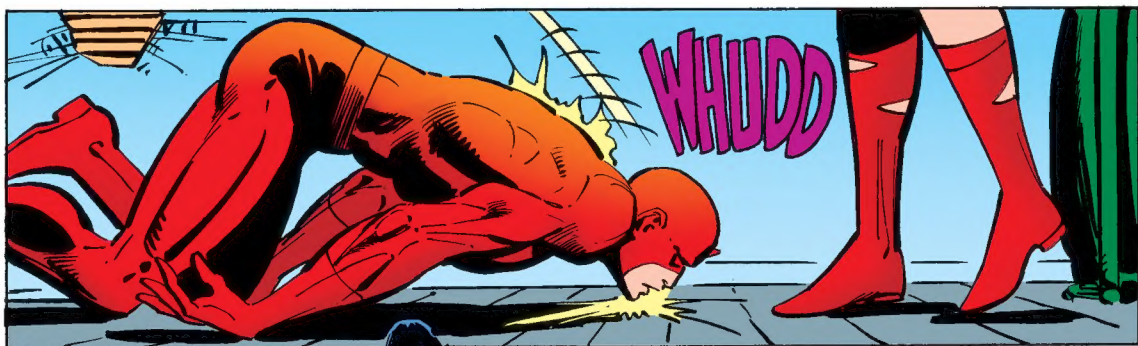
DO NOT
LEAVE ME,
KIRIGI!

I WILL
BE...
ALONE...







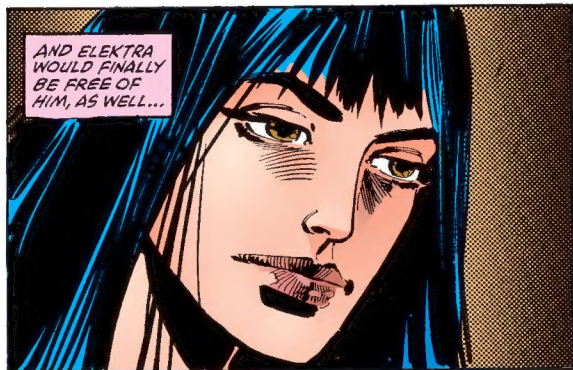


PASSED OUT... AND
LOSING A DANGEROUS
AMOUNT OF BLOOD.

LEFT HERE,
UNBANDAGED,
HE WOULD
SURELY DIE.

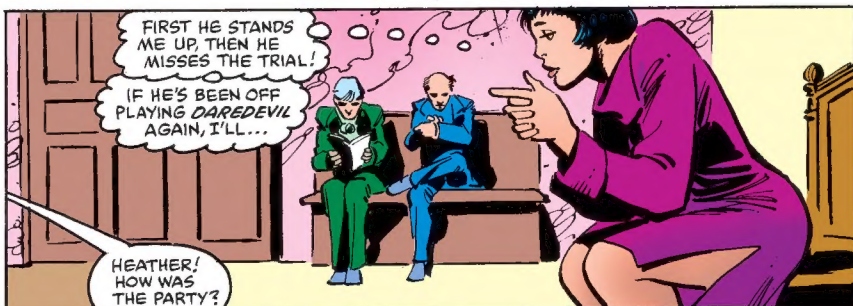
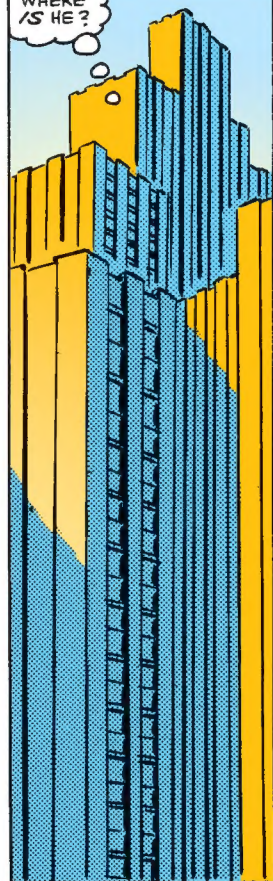


AND ELEKTRA
WOULD FINALLY
BE FREE OF
HIM, AS WELL...



LATER, AT THE CRIMINAL
COURTS BUILDING...

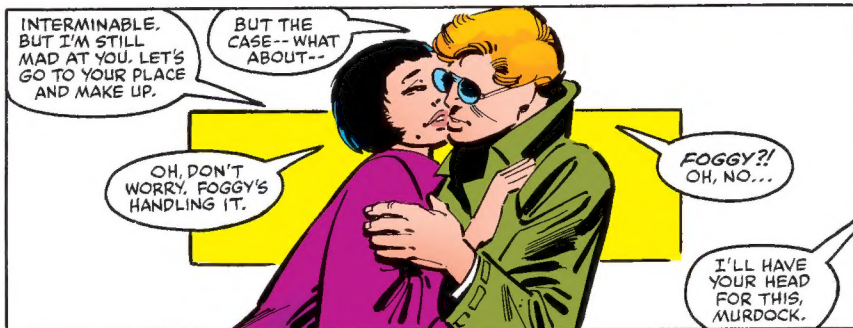
WHERE
IS HE?



FIRST HE STANDS
ME UP, THEN HE
MISSES THE TRIAL!

IF HE'S BEEN OFF
PLAYING DAREDEVIL
AGAIN, I'LL...

HEATHER!
HOW WAS
THE PARTY?



INTERMINABLE,
BUT I'M STILL
MAD AT YOU. LET'S
GO TO YOUR PLACE
AND MAKE UP.

BUT THE
CASE-- WHAT
ABOUT--

OH, DON'T
WORRY, FOGGY'S
HANDLING IT.

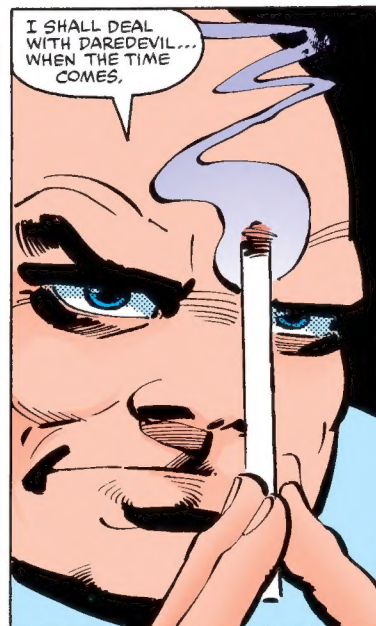
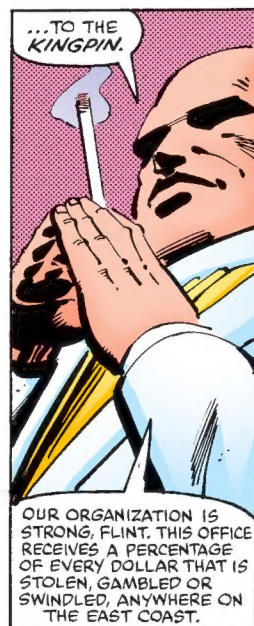
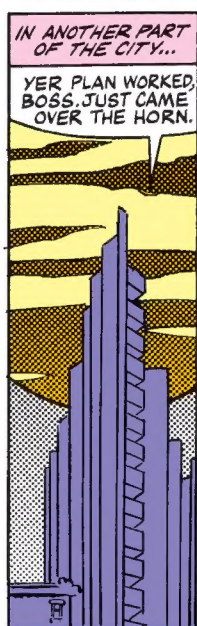
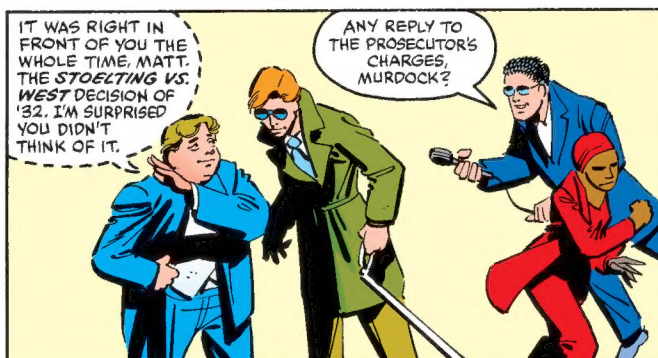
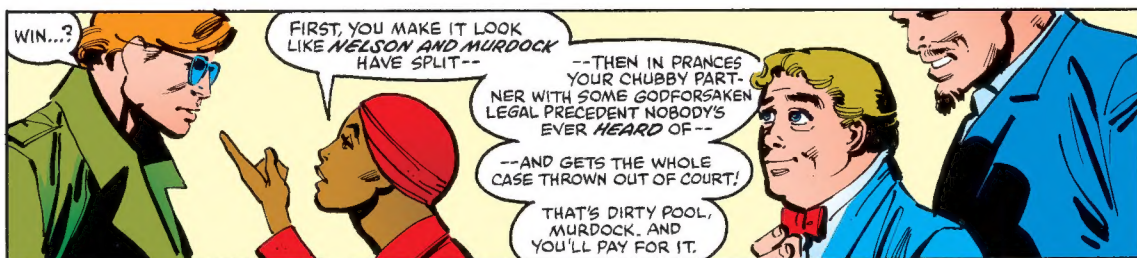
FOGGY?!
OH, NO...

I'LL HAVE
YOUR HEAD
FOR THIS,
MURDOCK.



OF ALL THE
CHEAP STUNTS
YOU'VE DONE TO
WIN A CASE--

--THIS HAS
GOT TO BE
THE TOPPER!



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